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SUBJECT: AVIAN INFLUENZA UPDATE APRIL 11: 2 MORE CONFIRMED
CASES IN GAZA; ALL DUCKS TO BE CULLED IN GAZA

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(SBU) The World Health Organization's (WHO) representative in Gaza Mahmud Daher reported to EconOff April 11 that two new cases of Avian Influenza (AI) had been confirmed in a duck farm and a chicken farm in Jabaliya, bringing the total number of confirmed sites up to eight. Daher said the PA had already started culling both areas. He added that the PA has culled 339,986 birds in Gaza and plans to cull all ducks, which number 30,000. According to Daher, the PA has agreed to implement WHO's recommendation that the PA cull another 200,000 within the 3km radius of all confirmed sites. Palestinian farmers have not received any compensation, except a commitment from the PA that they will be paid for culling their infected flocks. WALLES